



## 2015 Career Development Workshop

# PTE Advanced Opportunities



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# PTE ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES

formerly known as Tech Prep, is one of four advanced opportunities recognized by the State Board of Education. This program links approved high school professional-technical programs to certificate and degree programs at technical colleges.

Policy changes specify two options for high school students interested in advanced professional-technical courses:

**1: Dual Credit**

**2: Technical Competency Credit**  
*(formerly known as Tech Prep)*





# 1: DUAL CREDIT\*

The Dual Credit option allows high school students to simultaneously earn credit toward a high school diploma and a postsecondary degree or certificate. Upon completion of a single course, dual credit is awarded and reflected on both high school and postsecondary transcripts. Students may enroll in dual credit courses taught at high schools, online, or on college campuses.



There are two types of postsecondary credits:

## *Academic*

Academic credits apply to postsecondary academic programs and some postsecondary technical programs.

## *Technical*

Technical credits generally only apply to postsecondary technical programs.





## Dual Credit: Benefits & Cost

- Most universities allow the high school students access to their institutional library for research, a student ID card, and access to events on campus.
- Dual credit follows National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation standards.
- Dual Credit is eligible for Fast Forward program.
- Cost to student is **\$65 per credit**, established by State Board







## 2: TECHNICAL COMPETENCY CREDIT (TCC)\*



The TCC option allows students to document proficiency in the skills and abilities they develop in approved high school professional-technical courses. TCC is evaluated for postsecondary transcription at a later date within two years.

Technical Competency Credits are awarded for skills and competencies identified as eligible through a TCC Agreement between the secondary school and at least one Idaho postsecondary institution; it is not course-to-course articulation. Over time, these articulation agreements will be replaced by SkillStack microcertifications/badges (see SkillStack information section).





## Technical Competency Credit: Benefit & Cost

- Technical Competency Credit is competency-based and students may receive credit for prior learning.
- Technical Competency Credit is NOT eligible for Fast Forward program.
- Cost to student is **\$10 per credit**, established by State Board





## Dual Credit Recap

# 1: DUAL CREDIT

Catalogued College Course

\$65 per credit

- Fees paid at time of registration
- Credit earned simultaneously at high school and college

Fast Forward eligible





## TCC Recap

# 2:TECHNICAL COMPETENCY CREDIT (TCC)

Competency Based

\$10 per credit

- Fees paid when student chooses to purchase credits within 2 years
- Postsecondary credit awarded at time of purchase

NOT Fast Forward eligible







# Fast Forward Program



Cap of \$200/\$400 is replaced with...

- 🌐 3 credits per junior (or financial equivalent for exam costs - \$195)
- 🌐 6 credits per senior (or financial equivalent for exam costs - \$390)
- 🌐 75%/25% cost split removed

✅ Dual Credit courses eligible

✅ PTE Examinations eligible

❌ TCC not eligible

More Information: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/>





# PTE Education = Employment



= communicates competency



= communicates competency



= communicates competency



= communicates competency

= 4  
CREDITS





# Skillstack FY16

## Launching this school year:

- Automotive Technology
- Collision Repair
- Computer Support
- Early Childhood Development
- Programming / Software Development
- Welding





## Changes to Tech Prep & PTE Advanced Opportunities

- Since 1990, Tech Prep was intended to help more students transition from high school into postsecondary technical programs, initially with a 2+2 framework.
- Idaho chose to consolidate and continue to support Tech Prep, even after Congress defunded Tech Prep completely in 2011. Perkins reserve funds are now designated to facilitate the transition of secondary PTE students to postsecondary PTE programs.
- Tech Prep Program is now referred to **PTE Advanced Opportunities**
  - Dual Credit – technical courses
  - Technical Competency Credit







## Transition Coordinators

Individuals formerly referred to as **Tech Prep Coordinators**, whose primary focus was to write articulation agreements, are now **Transition Coordinators**. Their focus is to help students enrolled in professional-technical programs transition to college using informed and purposeful decisions.

*There are six Regional Transition Coordinators, housed at each technical college.*





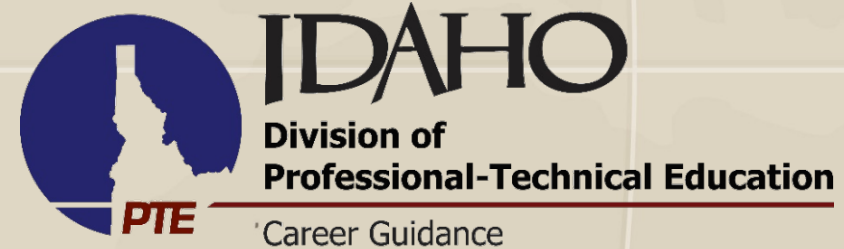
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